

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE REVIEW

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1. Cyprus: The situation is grave indeed. The fighting is spreading all over the island as Greek Cypriot security forces push their campaign to crush the resistance of Turkish Cypriot "insurgents."

Neither the UN representative nor the British seem able to do anything to deter the Greek Cypriots this time.

As the situation deteriorates the chances of Turkish intervention grow.

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Foreign Minister Erkin promised the Turkish parliament Tuesday that all "necessary measures" were being taken.

On Monday he asked the British to take urgent steps to stop the fighting.

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He also asked Ambassador Hare once again what the US attitude would be if Turkey intervened.

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2. Libya: The Libyan Government has handed Ambassador Lightner a note asking that we agree to renegotiate the Wheelus base agreement in the light of changing circumstances.

At the same time Prime Minister Muntassir, a friend of the West, told parliament that both the US and the UK were being asked to talk about the future of their bases on Libyan soil.

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3. Congo-Angola: Former Katangan strong man Tshombé is building a quasimilitary force in neighboring Angola, hoping that it may prove useful in his bid to return to power, perhaps after the UN forces decamp [redacted].

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4. Zanzibar: Zanzibar's neighbors on the mainland of East Africa are actively casting about for some way of helping the moderate, if ineffective, Karume stay in office.

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5. Gabon: Though the French say they are determined to keep Mba in the presidential seat, opposition to him is still vocal, and further trouble seems to be in the cards.

The US Embassy in Libreville has received a number of threats telephoned by disgruntled French civilians who seem to have been taken in by allegations that the US is supporting Mba's opponents.

Subsequently the embassy building was subjected to minor, gangster-type harassment.

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6. USSR - Ethiopia - Somalia: Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Malik is on an unheralded swing about the Horn of Africa trying to cast Soviet policies toward the area in a better light.

He was in Addis Ababa last week end trying to placate Haile Selassie who was deeply affronted by Khrushchev's charges of aggression and Soviet arms aid to the Somalis.

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We doubt that Malik scored many points in Addis Ababa. He is now in the more receptive atmosphere of Mogadiscio.

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7. Poland: Gomulka faces the most direct challenge to his authority since he returned to power in 1956.

A pamphlet attacking him and his unorthodox policies is going the rounds of the Polish party. It apparently originated in the left, or "hard-line," wing.

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It would not appear that the authors were aiming to unseat Gomulka--there is no logical replacement--but to force him to return to orthodoxy.

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8. Indonesia-Malaysia: The situation on the ground in Borneo is largely unaffected by the breakdown of the three-way foreign minister talks. The cease-fire is neither repudiated nor fully respected.

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Neither side seems disposed to resume the foreign ministers' talks. Sukarno prefers a summit meeting where he thinks he can wrangle concessions out of Rahman.

The Malaysians want no further talks at all before their elections late in April.

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9. Cambodia: Sihanouk has once again opened up on the US and its "lackeys," charging that their refusal to recognize his just demands that Cambodia's present frontiers be guaranteed will drive him into Mao's arms.

We are not sure just what set the mercurial Prince off this time but it may have been the refusal of Souvanna Phouma, on his recent visit to Phnom Penh, to recognize Cambodia's claimed frontiers. Laos was lumped in with Thailand and South Vietnam in the Prince's latest outburst.

The Chinese Communists, of course, have been doing what they can to encourage these displays.

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10. OAS: Both Brazil and Mexico continue their efforts to sidetrack strong OAS action against Cuba for sneaking arms into Venezuela.
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Brazil favors a perfunctory endorsement of
Betancourt's charge [REDACTED]

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Mexico is intrigued by the idea of taking the
matter to the UN where it thinks it could extract
a commitment from Cuba to lay off.

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11. Dominican Republic: Nearly everyone seems to
be talking coup these days in Santo Domingo.

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This points to a general weakness in the ruling
threesome, but so far the military, whose support is
a prerequisite for a successful coup, seems to pre-
fer the present setup to any of the alternatives
suggested by disgruntled political outs.

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12. USSR-France: [REDACTED]

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13. USSR-Sweden: Gromyko is due in Stockholm next week on a five-day visit to smooth the ground for Khrushchev's mid-June trip.

He will probably try to talk the Swedes into playing down the Wennerstrom case prior to Khrushchev's coming.

14. Mexico - Communist China: Presidential aspirant Diaz Ordaz, who has every reason to expect to be Mexico's next chief of state, [] will follow Lopez Mateos' line of not recognizing Communist China unless there is some profound change in the world situation.

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Communist China: For some time now we have been puzzling over a large-scale, high priority construction project in a remote area of Northwest China.

It was first noted in photography taken in September 1961. Photography of last fall showed that the project had been pushed ahead with great energy.

We are still not able to say just what is being built, but we are convinced by the intensity of the construction effort and the physical isolation of the site that it is a high priority national defense project, possibly with a missile and or an atomic energy association.

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